

16. (Amended) A soft contact lens comprising a macroporous hyperhydroxy polymer prepared by polymerizing a mixture comprising:

a) 40-60 parts by weight of a purified monoester of a hydroxyalkyl acrylate having a single olefinic double bond, and

b) 40-60 parts by weight of a methacrylic acid, wherein the lens exhibits a water content of from 90-

99.75%.

#### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable consideration of the subject invention are respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled and claims 9 and 16 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 9-20 are pending in this application

Claims 9 and 16 have been amended to limit the ingredient (b) of the macroporous hyperhydroxy polymer of the invention to "a methacrylic acid", which is shown in the examples of the invention. Concurrently therewith, the specification has been amended so that all references to the "olefinic acid diester containing two olefinic double bonds" have been deleted and replaced with "a methacrylic acid". In this manner, the claims and the disclosure have been limited to the scope of the specific